

TO: Interested Stakeholders

SUBJECT: Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee Conference Call

This will serve as your invitation to attend the Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee conference call scheduled for Friday, December 17, 2004, to be held at the California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1215 O Street, Room A-317, Sacramento, California. The conference call is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The agenda is attached.

**VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL RESEARCH ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**California Department of Food and Agriculture  
1215 O Street Room A-317  
Sacramento, California  
Phone (916) 654-0768  
December 17, 2004  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/cdfa/publicmeetings>**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2004 meeting.
- 2) Funding of the research proposal from Dr. John Johnston, United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center, entitled "Development of a Natural Predator Control Toxicant" in the amount of \$21,500.
- 3) Funding of the proposal from Dr. Bruce Kimball, United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center, entitled "Minimizing Bird Depredation on Grapes Through Aversive Conditioning and Mimicry."
- 4) Funding of the research proposal from Dr. Terrell Salmon, University of California Davis, "Evaluation of the Adoption of Industrial Hygiene Practices by the California Department of Food and Agriculture Bait Mixing Facilities" in the amount of \$73,983.
- 5) Funding of the research proposal from Dr. Terrell Salmon, University of California Davis, entitled "Phosphine Exposure to Personnel and Others Associated with Application of Zinc Phosphide Artichoke Bract Bait for Meadow Vole Control in Artichoke Fields" in the amount of \$54,879, with the stipulation that the principle investigator contact HACCO, Inc. to obtain any currently available data and that this supplemental data be used if appropriate.
- 6) Funding of and amendment to a current research contract from Dr. Terrell Salmon, University of California Davis, entitled "Zinc Phosphide Field Efficacy for Vole Control in Artichoke Fields" the amendment is for an additional amount of \$8,140.

- 7) Funding of the research concept from Dr. Terrell Salmon, University of California Davis, entitled "California's Water Conveyance Infrastructure Identifying and Solving Vertebrate Pest Problems."
- 8) Funding of the research concept from Dr. Michael Delwiche, University of California Davis, entitled "Instrumentation and Methodology for Mapping Rodent Burrows in California Water Conveyance Structures."
- 9) Funding and amendment to a current research contract from Dr. Robert Schmidt, Utah State University, entitled "Field Evaluation of the Coyote Lure Operative Device Research" the amendment is for an additional amount of \$44,426.61 and a one year extension.
- 10) Resignation of public member George Simpson and recommendation of Dale Huss as his replacement to be the new public member.
- 11) Increasing the budget authorization for the Vertebrate Pest Control Research Fund from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.
- 12) Funding the continued membership in the Rodenticide Registrants Task Force for the calendar year 2005. The budget amount approved is \$20,000.

Adjourn

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